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**AD HOC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE ON PROJECT AQUATONE (ARC)**

**Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 214  
Administration Building, Central Intelligence Agency  
at 2: 30 p.m., 16 December 1957**

**P R E S E N T**

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Chairman**

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**PETROPAVLOVSK**

**1. The Navy proposed, by memorandum of 10 December 1957 (Ser NT 000402-57), amplified in a memorandum of 13 December 1957 (SSO/000299), the addition of PETROPAVLOVSK as a Highest Priority Target.**

**2. After some exploratory discussions, it was agreed that final consideration of this proposal would be held on Friday, 20 December 1957, time and place to be confirmed by the Chairman.**

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**3. The Chairman called the attention of the Committee to a memorandum he had received from the Office of Scientific Intelligence alerting to the probability of launch for ICBM as possible Highest Priority Targets for the spring of 1958.**

The Project Director had indicated his belief that this question should be thoroughly examined with the possibility in mind of collection in the spring of 1958. It was agreed that the Office of Scientific Intelligence would prepare a draft paper outlining the possible launch points for ICBM, the draft to be discussed with representatives of the participating agencies, looking toward a preliminary discussion of the matter in an Ad Hoc Requirements Committee meeting on 15 January 1958.

4. The Chairman requested the Navy to prepare a similar study reviewing all possible targets which would bear upon launch of guided missiles from submarines, for consideration simultaneously with the foregoing paper.

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Test Photo Coverage in the United States

6. Attention was called by the Chairman to a memorandum on the above subject dated 14 May 1957 [redacted] to the Acting Project Director setting forth the military installations in the United States, photography of which might be of possible use in analysis of Soviet military installations. This requirement was transmitted by Operations to those in charge of testing and training in the ZI bases with a request to cover these points provided there was no interference with scheduled testing or training programs. According to the report from Operations, no coverage has as yet been accomplished.

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